

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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GAS CONNECTIONS

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to accord permission to the gas distributors to supply gas to the customers using their discretion as reported in 'Dainik Jagran' dated November 17, 2006 ;
- (b) if so, whether the gas distributors have been instructed to submit the details regarding the supply of gas cylinders to the customers which are not registered with the oil companies ; (
- (c) whether all the distributors have been authorised for this scheme ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (e) the extend to which this scheme will curb the practice of black marketing ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) to (e) : No such instructions have been issued by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to their LPG distributors to give refills to their registered customers without booking of refills. LPG distributors of OMCs are required to release LPG cylinders against booking only and the refill supplies of domestic LPG are being made by the OMCs in accordance with the genuine requirements of customers.